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SUBJECT: ECONADS: WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975-1976

REFS: A. ED/EC/75/53

B. USNATO 4073

C. STATE 208796

D. DECISION SHEET AC/127-R/475

1. DURING CLEARANCE OF JULY 31 DECISION SHEET (REF D) AT SEPTEMBER 4 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, FRENCH DEL POINTED OUT THAT " FINALIZED" ( AS TO WORK PROGRAM) WAS TOO STRONG A WORD, EITHER IN ENGLISH OR FRENCH. CHAIRMAN BILLY SAID IT WOULD BE CHANGED TO REFLECT TENTATIVE NATURE OF THAT EARLIER DISCUSSION AND STRESSED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD DISCUSS THE WORK PROGRAM AGAIN ON SEPT 18 (AS IMPLIED IN REF A ITSELF). PRIOR TO THAT TIME, DIRECTORATE WOULD CIRCULATE A REVISED SCHEDULE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF UK COMMENTS AT JULY 31 MEETING AND US COMMENTS PER REF (C).

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR COMMENTS ON DELAYING DISCUSSION OF USSR ECONOMY, FRENCH DEL ALSO QUERIED WHETHER US WOULD AGAIN OFFER TO PREPARE THE BASIC PAPER. WE COUNTERED THAT AT THIS POINT IT SEEMED THAT CONTENT AND TIMING OF WORK PROGRAM APPEARED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE UP FOR DISCUSSION, RATHER THAN DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE UNDERTOOK TO SEEK WASHINGTON VIEWS ON WHICH TOPICS US WOULD BE ABLE TO PRODUCE INITIAL REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR REPLY IN TIME FOR  
SEPTEMBER 11 (OR AT LATEST, SEPTEMBER 18) ECONADS MEETING.  
WE TRUST US WILL AGAIN BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE NOW-  
TRADITIONAL BASIC PAPERS ON USSR ECONOMY, AID TO LDCS, DEFENSE  
EXPENDITURES, AND PRC. BRUCE

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